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### IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A golf club for striking a ball comprising:

a front-part component having a face;

a rear-part component ~~being~~ including a cavity back structure ~~with~~ and a sole part having a larger thickness than a top edge part; and

and an effective face area of the face, being the surface area of a portion of the face substantially deflectable when striking a ball, being at least 2500 mm<sup>2</sup> and not more than 5000 mm<sup>2</sup>;

wherein defined between the front-part component and the rear-part component is a single, fully enclosed hollow structure with a space such that the effective face area of the face is deformable into the hollow structure, free of contact with the rear-part component, when striking a ball,

wherein an effective deflection length being the length of a portion of said face deflectable at the hit, passing through a sweet spot of said face in a direction perpendicular to the ground, and being at least 36 mm and not more than 72 mm, and wherein

~~wherein said cavity back structure of said rear part component includes a thick portion of said sole part and a recess portion of said sole part, said recess portion surrounded by said thick portion at a rear surface of said rear part component~~

the front-part component has a concave part provided on its center and a convex connection part provided on its peripheral edge, and a hosel; and

the rear-part component has a concave part provided on its center and a convex connection part provided on its peripheral edge.

Claims 9-13. (canceled)

14. (previously presented) The golf club according to claim 8, wherein

the thickness of the face is at least 1.0 mm and not more than 2.5 mm at a sweet spot of the face.

15. (previously presented) The golf club according to claim 8, wherein

the elasticity of the face is at least 30 GPa and not more than 210 GPa.

16. (previously presented) The golf club according to claim 8, wherein

the cavity back structure includes an arcuate portion.

17. (currently amended) The golf club according to claim 8, wherein

~~the front part component has a concave part provided on its center and a connection part provided on its peripheral edge;~~

~~the rear part component has a concave part provided on its center and a connection part provided on its peripheral edge; and~~

the fully enclosed hollow structure with a space extends into the sole part of the rear-part component.

18. (currently amended) The golf club according to claim 8, wherein

~~the front part component has a concave part provided on its center and a connection part provided on its peripheral edge;~~

~~the rear part component has a concave part provided on its center and a connection part provided on its peripheral edge; and~~

the fully enclosed hollow structure with a space extends backward in the top edge part of the rear-part component.

19. (currently amended) The golf club according to claim 8, wherein

~~the front part component has a concave part provided on its center and a connection part provided on its peripheral edge;~~

~~the rear part component has a concave part provided on its center and a connection part provided on its peripheral edge;~~

the fully enclosed hollow structure with a space extends into the sole part of the rear-part component; and

the fully enclosed hollow structure with a space extends backward in the top edge part of the rear-part component.